

of the United States donations of any property, real or personal, and to utilize voluntary or uncompensated services at such laboratory. The Secretary is authorized and directed to cooperate with other departments or agencies of the Federal Government, States, and State agencies and institutions, counties, municipalities, business or other organizations, corporations, associations, universities, scientific societies, and individuals, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

(Dec. 18, 1942, ch. 764, § 2, 56 Stat. 1057.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

See note set out under section 1 of this title.

### § 15. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-533, § 1(17), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 248

Section, act Dec. 18, 1942, ch. 764, § 3, 56 Stat. 1057, related to reports to Congress of expenditures and donations to laboratory established under sections 13 to 16 of this title.

### § 16. Research laboratory for utilization of anthracite coal; establishment of advisory committee; composition; functions; appointment

The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, may, in his discretion, create and establish an advisory committee composed of not more than six members to exercise consultative functions, when required by the Secretary, in connection with the administration of sections 13 to 16 of this title. The said committee shall be composed of representatives of anthracite coal mine owners, of representatives of anthracite coal mine workers and the public in equal number. The members of said committee shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior without regard to the civil-service laws.

(Dec. 18, 1942, ch. 764, § 4, 56 Stat. 1057.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The civil-service laws, referred to in text, are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See particularly, section 3301 et seq. of Title 5.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

See note set out under section 1 of this title.

#### TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

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## CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 16 section 1907; title 43 sections 299, 1783.

**§ 21. Mineral lands reserved**

In all cases lands valuable for minerals shall be reserved from sale, except as otherwise expressly directed by law.

(R.S. § 2318.)

## CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2318 derived from act July 4, 1866, ch. 166, § 5, 14 Stat. 86.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Alabama public lands, reclassification, see section 172 of this title.

Alaska, extension of general land laws, see section 280a of Title 25, Indians.

Atomic Energy Act of 1954, source material, see section 2091 et seq. of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Control of mining operations in areas of the National Park System to minimize damage to the environment and other resources, see section 1901 et seq. of Title 16, Conservation.

Forest reservation lands, found to be mineral in character, restored to public domain, see section 482 of Title 16.

Kansas and Missouri mineral deposits, see section 49 of this title.

Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin mineral lands, see section 48 of this title.

Sale of reserved mineral interests in certain agricultural lands, see sections 1033 to 1035 and 1037 to 1039 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Timber on public mineral lands, felling and removal for mining and other purposes, see sections 604 to 606 of Title 16, Conservation.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 24, 29, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 46, 47, 48, 102 of this title; title 43 section 1712.

**§ 21a. National mining and minerals policy; “minerals” defined; execution of policy under other authorized programs**

The Congress declares that it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government in the national interest to foster and encourage private enterprise in (1) the development of economically sound and stable domestic mining, minerals, metal and mineral reclamation industries, (2) the orderly and economic development of domestic mineral resources, reserves, and reclamation of metals and minerals to help assure satisfaction of industrial, security and environmental needs, (3) mining, mineral, and metallurgical research, including the use and recycling of scrap to promote the wise and efficient use of our natural and reclaimable mineral resources, and (4) the study and development of methods for the disposal, control, and reclamation of mineral waste products, and the reclamation of mined land, so as to lessen any adverse impact of mineral extraction and processing upon the physical environment that may result from mining or mineral activities.

For the purpose of this section “minerals” shall include all minerals and mineral fuels including oil, gas, coal, oil shale and uranium.

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior to carry out this policy when exercising his authority under such programs as may be authorized by law other than this section.

(Pub. L. 91-631, § 2, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1876; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, § 1081(b), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 721.)

## AMENDMENTS

1995—Pub. L. 104-66 in last par. struck out at end “For this purpose the Secretary of the Interior shall include in his annual report to the Congress a report on the state of the domestic mining, minerals, and mineral reclamation industries, including a statement of the trend in utilization and depletion of these resources, together with such recommendations for legislative programs as may be necessary to implement the policy of this section.”